## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION CANTON, OHIO

IN RE:	) CASE NO. 05-69543
ELKINS, CLARENCE JR.	) CHAPTER 7
	) ) JUDGE RUSS KENDIG
DEBTOR	) ) MOTION TO DISTRIBUTE
	) FUNDS TO DEBTOR PRIOR
	) TO APPROVAL OF FINAL
	) <u>REPORT</u>

Now comes the Chapter 7 Trustee, Anne Piero Silagy, and respectfully requests the Court to enter an Order authorizing her make a distribution to the Debtor prior to the approval of the final report in this case.

- 1. On October 16, 2005, Clarence Elkins Jr., filed a petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Anne Piero Silagy was appointed as the Chapter 7 trustee.
- 2. Prior to the filing of the bankruptcy petition, the Debtor's father, Clarence Elkins Sr.. was wrongfully incarcerated and was subsequently exonerated and released from prison. As a result. Clarence Elkins Sr., the Debtor, his mother and his brother filed a civil rights action against the City of Barberton and various defendants in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio entitled *Elkins v. Summit County of Ohio Prosecutor's Office, et. al.*Case No. 5:06 CV 3004. Through mediation a proposed settlement of the entire case was reached for \$5,250,000.00 of which the sum of \$626,787.32 was allocated by agreement of the Plaintiffs to the estate's claims.
- 3. From the estate's share of the proceeds, and pursuant to Court order, \$216,906.65 was paid to special counsel for their fees and \$5,000.00 was paid to the Debtor in full and complete

resolution of any exemptions. The remaining sum of approximately \$404,000.00 is being held for further distribution in accordance with the United States Bankruptcy Code.

- 4. The settlement funds were received by the Chapter 7 trustee on January 26, 2011. On February 10, 2011 the trustee filed a 2011 tax return along with a 505b request for prompt determination of the estate's tax liability. It is the estate's and the Debtor's position that the funds are not taxable. According to the accountant, if such funds are taxable, the tax liability will be approximately \$208,000.00.
- 5. Unsecured claims filed to date in the case total approximately \$3,300.00. The trustee estimates that, even if there is tax liability, after payment to all creditors, there are funds in excess of all claims and projected expenses of at least \$120.000.00. Since the closing of the case will not be for at least 60 days, and may be delayed even further if the return is selected for audit or there is a tax dispute, the Debtor has requested and the trustee believes it appropriate to make a partial distribution to the Debtor of \$120,000.00. The trustee has budgeted some funds to challenge any IRS determination of tax liability, however, the Debtor understands that should any challenge of any IRS determination be required and exceed any reserve for any administrative expenses, the Debtor would be required to reimburse funds to the estate in order to continue any such challenge.

WHEREFORE, the Chapter 7 Trustee, Anne Piero Silagy, respectfully requests the Court to enter an Order authorizing her to distribute funds to the Debtor under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Respectfully submitted.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I. Anne Piero Silagy, hereby certify that the foregoing Motion for Authority To Distribute Funds to Debtor Prior to Approval of the Final Report and Notice of Hearing was sent by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, this 15th day of February 2011 to the following and to those listed on the attached service list:

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I, Anne Piero Silagy, hereby certify that the foregoing Motion for Authority To Distribute Funds to Debtor Prior to Approval of the Final Report and Notice of Hearing was electronically transmitted on or about February 15, 2011 via the Court's CM/ECF system to the following who are listed on the Court's Electric Mail Notice List:

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